



WEEKLY REPORT

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Carl Toliver, Superintendent
RE: For Your Information

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Press Conference

On October 25, 2010, at 2:00 pm Stockton Unified (at the Corporation Yard) will host a Press Conference, held by the *San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District*, to highlight the 43 brand new energy efficient school buses we received through a grant largely funded by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The 43 new buses (valued at approximately 4.2 million dollars) replaced 43 aging high pollutant buses at virtually no cost to the District. The SJVAPCD will also introduce and promote a new program called Real-time Air Quality Advisory Network (RAAN). Notable individuals will be on hand including Superintendent Carl Toliver, Mayor Ann Johnston, and San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas.

New Supervisor

The Transportation Department welcomes the addition of a new Operations Supervisor. As of September 15, *Esther Medina* officially began serving in this capacity alongside Mary Bankston. Both will share supervisory duties and will be able to assist with any Transportation issues.

Transportation Employee of the Month

The Transportation Employee of the Month for September is, Special Education Bus Operator, *Uriel Aza*. Uriel has been exemplary in his attendance, customer service, and overall professional attitude in providing exceptional service to the students and parents he services. Congratulations Uriel!

Contact Carlos Chicas (933-7145)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

October 25-29 is Red Ribbon Week

Next week, Stockton Unified will be celebrating Red Ribbon week! Events for the week include school spirit activities, classroom intervention lessons to promote living drug free and additional activities provided by community partners. The American Cancer Society has volunteer speakers who will be visiting nine K-8 schools. The Students in Prevention program will also be making presentations. San Joaquin County Prevention Services has organized community activities for students and families. Stockton Unified provides a Red Ribbon Pledge card and Red Ribbon Week wristband to all students preschool to high school. Students are also encouraged to sign the pledge to live drug free. On the back of the pledge card is a list of the community activities, most of which are free to students as long as they are wearing their wristband. Red Ribbon week shows our students that we are united in our desire for them to not use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. Thank you for your support of Red Ribbon Week!

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

Parents Helping Parents

The Student Support Services Department has teamed up with the District Advisory Council to create "Parents Helping Parents". This program sponsors monthly workshops that our parent leaders review together and then take back to their school sites to share with and encourage the involvement of other parents. This month the topics are "Talk to Your Kids About Drugs" for the K-8 Schools and "Parent's Guide to the Teen Brain" for our high schools.

Contact Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

Club Live and Friday Night Live

Five high schools and fifteen K-8 schools are receiving mini-grants for the formation of Friday Night Live clubs. Each high school hosting a Friday Night Live program receives \$1,000 and Club Live groups at the middle school level get \$500. The purpose of these clubs is to provide youth development and leadership opportunities to members as they plan positive involvement activities for all the students in their schools (grades 6 – 8 and high school). The mini-grants are provided by San Joaquin Prevention Services. The goal of these programs is to draw attention to the fact that the majority of students choose to be drug free and that a healthy lifestyle is fun and desirable. Many thanks to the teachers, administrators, and counselors who have volunteered to be club advisors! Red Ribbon Week provides us with a great opportunity to promote these clubs and encourage student involvement.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

New Immunization Requirements for Students

For the 2011 – 2012 school year only, all students entering grades 7 through 12 will need proof of a Tdap (Pertussis) booster shot before starting school. This requirement begins July 1, 2011, and can be met by receiving one dose of the Tdap vaccine on or after the student's tenth birthday. If your child is ten (10) years and older and has not yet received the Tdap Pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department. Getting a booster shot now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of Pertussis and meet the new school requirement (**California law - Assembly Bill 354**). Adults are also advised to get a Pertussis booster shot, if they haven't already, to protect themselves, their families, and students.

Contact Tammy Evans (933-7060)

CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

Comprehensive Student Support

Elmwood Elementary School has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for their Comprehensive Student Support program. Principal John Semillo and Outreach Consultant, Patricia Clark, have done a fantastic job coordinating services and providing student and family support to keep students coming to school every day ready to learn. Some highlights of the 2009-10 school year include the Principal's Advisory Committee of seventh and eighth grade students, Movie Time held afterschool for the Elmwood community to increase community-school partnerships, Citizen of the Month assemblies, and a solid Student Success Team meeting process. The Outstanding Achievement Award is usually awarded at the annual Ready To Learn conference but due to funding, the conference has been cancelled this year. Congratulations to the Elmwood staff for this well deserved honor!

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to announce the King Elementary School modernization now has available funding to move forward. Work will be phased and include demolition of partition walls, flooring and outdated systems in the classroom buildings. These areas will receive permanent walls, creating new classrooms with upgraded power, data and new flooring, along with upgrades to the electrical infrastructure, library, kitchen, multi-purpose and administration buildings. We look forward to working with the site administration, design team and contractor to break ground on this long awaited project within the next few months.

Contact Steve Breakfield (933-7045)

SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Professional Development

This week's Professional Development at Edison was on the writing model. All ELA and Social Science teachers were trained in the "Step Up to Writing Program" on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This is the writing program we use which focuses on making the writing process simple and easy to remember. Students become familiar with the three main steps in writing by relating them to colors; green, yellow and red. At each grade level, students master skills of increasing length and complexity in writing.

Small Learning Communities (SLCs)

On Thursday, October 21 – teachers met to deconstruct their content and Career Technical Education (CTE) standards in their SLC Team Meetings. Our goal is to focus on student outcomes. The student outcomes for each SLC are used by teachers to plan the appropriate themed curriculum.

November will be the Multi Media and the Arts SLC identity month. During this time, Edison SLCs will each have a month to schedule events and promote their SLCs. There will be a culmination event at the end of the year for all site SLCs.

Extra Curricular Activities

The Edison Health Center held a flu vaccine clinic on Monday, October 18. All students were encouraged to receive their free flu vaccine. The Edison Blood Drive for Sophia Rose (Delta Blood Bank) on Friday, October 15 gained 140 units of blood. Students and staff donated blood for a child that is battling cancer.

Nine members of the Edison Choir made the San Joaquin County Honors Choir. These nine students are the only Stockton Unified students represented: Rachel Asuncion, Susan Vang, Hakela Davalos, Yami Lee, German Beltran, Marcus Miccaheimer, Justin Capuyon, Carenn Villamor and Khira Auerbach.

Teacher Awards

Math Department Chair, Alicia Taylor was honored on Saturday, October 16 as a National Teacher of the Year through the Carlston Family Foundation. All of the award-winning teachers were nominated by former students who are successful in their academic and life pursuits. These students state that they would not be where they are today without the teaching, mentoring and friendship of their teachers. Alicia Taylor received \$15,000 dollars and Edison received \$5,000. Congratulations Alicia!

After School Program/YMCA

The Junior Achievement Program, through the YMCA, will start an after-school entrepreneurship class this week. Students will create businesses and start selling items on campus. "Lights Out After School" will be held on Thursday, October 21. The purpose of the event is to promote the SUSD after school program with the YMCA, our community partner. Students and parents will receive lime green bracelets as they enter the after school program for this event.

Edison Parents

Monthly Coffee hour will be Wednesday, October 27 at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The focus of this month's coffee hour will be our parent surveys for WASC.

Contact Brian Biedermann (933-7425)

CHAVEZ HIGH SCHOOL

Marching Band

The Titans earned a First Place finish in the Santa Cruz Band Review in their division this past Saturday, October 16. The students did a wonderful job and looked sharp! Chavez students, as well as the families and friends who were there supporting the band are to be commended for their commitment and hard work. The marching band is under the direction of Art Coleman and Kristin Florek. The band proudly showed their Titan pride as they were so well prepared for this! Please contact the staff at CCHS for future performance dates and times. Additionally, the band, as well as the fabulous flag team, will be performing at the Chavez homecoming game this Friday night.

Contact William Nelson (933-7480)

SECA

On Saturday, September 25, the annual STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) competition was held at San Joaquin Delta College (SJDC). High schools from throughout the SJDC instructional area competed in three categories (Biology Challenge; Engineering Challenge; and Math Challenge) and in two divisions (9-10 and 11-12).

Last year, SECA students won the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in the Mathematics challenge. This year, SECA students, competing in the 9-10 division, again won the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in Mathematics. In addition, they added the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in Biology, as well as the Gold and Bronze medals in Engineering.

In summary, SECA students won 8 of the 9 possible medals in the competition. This was an unprecedented level of accomplishment! We are very proud of these outstanding young students, as well as their dedicated instructor coaches, Mr. Obed Galong, Ms. Ros Wang, and Dr. Cathleen Hebert-Swartzter. Congratulations to the SECA team!

Contact Michael Hall (933-7370)

Green Academies

High School “Green” Smaller Learning Community (SLC) students and staff will be part of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce’s “Pathways to Green Schools” Conference next Friday, October 29, 2010. “Green” SLCs or pathways are those that deal with environmental stewardship, conservation, or sustainable resources. The event will have representatives from each of the 14 San Joaquin County School Districts that are eager to learn what districts can do to reduce their costs of doing business through environmental stewardship. SUSD is one the program sponsors through our participation. Students and staff will be on panels discussing what we are doing to prepare students for these careers and describing their experiences. Students in one of the pathways at Weber Institute also worked with the Chamber in the conference logo design. This event will be held at the Stockton Hilton from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. For more information go to www.greenteamsanjoaquin.com.

Contact Mark Hagemann (933-7115)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Madison Elementary Receives Grant

Carol Becker, Principal of Madison Elementary, was contacted by Claudia Deschaine from the Dart Container Corporation on Friday, October 15. The message was to notify her that Madison had been chosen, based on the school application, for a 50th Anniversary Grant. The grant money will go toward the focus of Science Olympiad and other science-related projects. Congratulations to the students and staff at Madison Elementary.

Contact Sylvia Ulmer (933-7040)

First in San Joaquin Blood Drive Competition

Michelle Mills, Educational Community Outreach Coordinator from the Donor Operation Department of Delta Blood Bank, communicated with principals Sherry Jackson – Peyton, Gina Hall – Rio Calaveras, Sylvia Ulmer and Irma De Las Nieves – Bush, to express gratitude for their efforts in planning the Zone G Blood Drive competition to be held on December 13, 2010. This is the first blood drive competition in San Joaquin County. Great job Peyton, Rio Calaveras and Bush for your work on this important event!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER, 2010

- 22 – 23 (Fri – Sat) *Science Blast 2010***
Celebrating the Year of the Solar System
- 22 (Friday)** Science Blast, San Joaquin Delta College, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 23 (Saturday)** Community Day, UOP, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 23 (Saturday)** Gala Dinner, Lexington Hotel, 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- 26 (Tuesday) *SUSD Board of Education Meeting***
SUSD Administration Bldg., 701 N. Madison Street, Boardroom
Closed Session 6:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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- 6 (Saturday) *Magnet Faire***
Chavez High School